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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: IBMND AND CIF FORCES IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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1. I CALLED ON U PYI SOE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AUGUST 6 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT OF REFTEL. I POINTED OUT THAT FOLLOWING CAPTURE OF LO HSING-HAN AND DISRUPTION OF HIS NARCOTICS SMUGGLING ORGANIZATION CIF HAD NOW BECOME PRIME TARGET IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN. ILLUSTRATIVE OF THIS COMMENT I HANDED PYI SOE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS GIVING DETAILS OF CIF NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN BURMA.

2. RECALLING THAT CIF HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN THAILAND AND CIF LEADERS GENERALS LI AND TUAN LAST YEAR HAD GIVEN UNDERTAKING TO RTG TO GET OUT OF NARCOTICS BUSINESS, I SAID US WAS MAKING APPROACH TO RTG ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST CIF. I STRESSED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON CIF ACTIVITIES FROM GUB THAT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO OUR APPROACH.

3. PYI SOE ASSURED ME THAT GUB WOULD CONTINUE

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VIGOROUSLY WITH ITS NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CAMPAIGN AND

PLANNED TO TIGHTEN SECURITY ALL ALONG ITS BORDERS  
BUT POINTED OUT THAT CIF HAD SECURE BASES IN  
THAILAND. PYI SOE SAID THAT WHILE IN PAST RTG  
HAD NOT DONE AS MUCH AS IT COULD, GUB HAD BEEN  
MUCH ENCOURAGED BY RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN RTG ATTITUDE  
AND HOPED THAT RTG WOULD BE WILLING TO INCREASE ITS  
COOPERATION.

4. PYI SOE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE WAS NOW MUCH  
ENTHUSIASM WITHIN GUB FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN  
AND I WOULD BE SURPRISED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEXT  
FEW WEEKS. HE COMMENTED THAT IN WAKE OF ALL THE  
PUBLICITY WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO GUB'S RECENT ANTI-  
INSURGENCY CAMPAIGNS(I.E. INVOLVING SEARCH FOR  
KIDNAPPED RUSSIANS AND HUNT-DOWN OF LO HSING-HAN)  
FLOW OF INFORMATION FROM INSURGENT-INFESTED AREAS TO  
GUB HAD GREATLY INCREASED. PYI SOE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO  
GREATER CONFIDENCE ON PART OF VILLAGERS THAT GUB  
FORCES WOULD TAKE ACTION AND TO BETTER  
ORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION.

5. COMMENT: WHILE WE STILL DO NOT EXPECT TO  
RECEIVE MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION ON CIF ACTIVITIES  
FROM GUB, IMPORTANT THING IS THAT GUB IS FIRED UP  
AS NEVER BEFORE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS  
SMUGGLERS ON BASIS OF ITS OWN AND OUR INFORMATION.  
WE ALSO BELIEVE GUB SINCRELY WISHES TO INCREASE  
COOPERATION WITH RTG AS DEMONSTRATED BY ITS  
INITIATIVE TOWARD RTG IN LO HSING-HAN CASE.  
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